

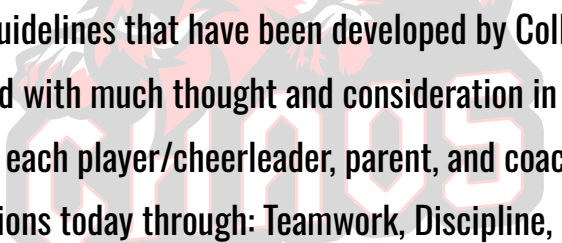
COLLIN COUNTY CHAOS

Player/Parent Handbook



Collin County Chaos Family, Welcome to the 2024 Season!

We are looking forward to another fun and successful season of sports!



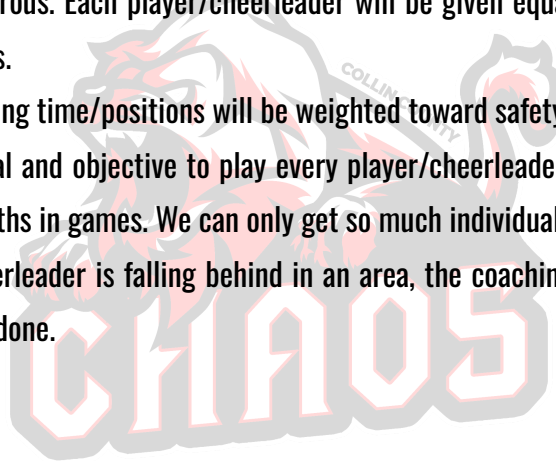
The following are the guidelines that have been developed by Collin County Chaos. These guidelines were developed with much thought and consideration in an effort to clearly define what is expected from each player/cheerleader, parent, and coach. We are dedicated to building future champions today through: Teamwork, Discipline, Respect, and Tradition.

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COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES:

The responsibility of our coaching staff is to develop the fundamental skills of each athlete and to make sure each athlete is having FUN. Our main objective is to develop, train, teach, and encourage each player/cheerleader to maximize their ability as an athlete. Obviously, the ability level of each player/cheerleader will vary, however their success will be contingent upon their drive and effort. It is my desire and our coaching staff's job to promote excellent performance and to help each player/cheerleader realize their potential. The coaches will continually discuss the progress and role(s) of each player/cheerleader. The coaching staff will strive to develop each player/cheerleader so that he/she has a role and contributes to the success of our team. The demands of the players/cheerleaders will be strict, consistent, and at times rigorous. Each player/cheerleader will be given equal opportunity for training and development during practices.

However, during games, playing time/positions will be weighted toward safety first, then player/cheerleader production next. It is our goal and objective to play every player/cheerleader each game. However, we will attempt to utilize our strengths in games. We can only get so much individual player/cheerleader work in at practices, so if a player/cheerleader is falling behind in an area, the coaching staff will recommend to the parent(s) that extra work be done.



PARENTS RESPONSIBILITIES:

Parents can be the biggest support or the biggest obstacle for their child. I want to be clear on what we expect of you as parents.

We are a TEAM - athletes, coaches, parents, and the organization. Parents, please support your child by allowing them to experience their failures, successes, and their frustrations on and off the field. We want you to know that we will always have the best interest of your child in mind. Understand that developing an athlete and a team is a process. Playing a sport is a game that has a lot of adversity; we all make mistakes, but mistakes teach us success. By the end of this season we hope that your child will improve tremendously.

We feel that this is possible if his/her effort is to be the best and if you, as parents, will allow him/her to grow through our coaching and recommendations. Through my experience, work outside of practice is a must in order for the children to catch up, maintain, or develop equally. Extra work consisting of (i.e. lessons, talking/watching sports outside of practice/games) is expected from the child and parent.

Coaching instructions and directions shall be given by the team's coaching staff only during a practice/game. Parents are not to interfere with practice sessions, games, or the team coaching staff in any way, unless asked by the coaching staff for help. Please stay off the fields during games and practices unless your child is injured. Please notify a coach or team mom as soon as possible if a player/cheerleader is injured/sick and unable to participate. Please do not come down on the field after a game to gather your child's equipment, etc... That is their job as players/cheerleaders on this team.

Please demonstrate good sportsmanship toward each player, our opponents, referee, and serve as positive role models. No vulgar language, taunting, or trash talking allowed. Parents will not slander any player/cheerleader, coach, manager, or any other player's/cheerleader's parents on this team or any other team. Parents who gossip and press their negative opinion onto other parents will not be tolerated. To ensure optimal success with our team, all team members, including parents, must keep a positive winning attitude. Should a parent have a problem with the coaching staff, other parents, etc. Please arrange to meet privately with them off the field when the time is appropriate.

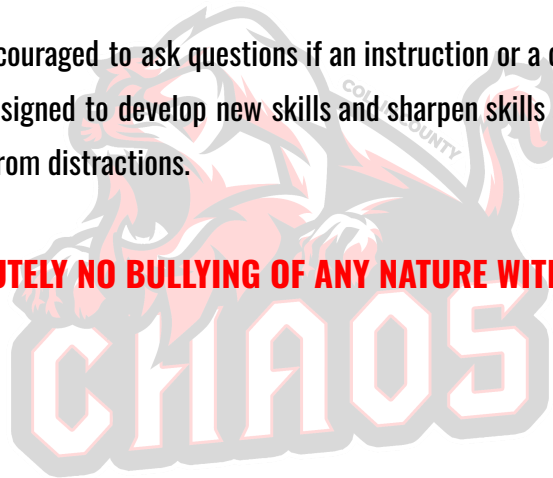
PLAYERS:

This is your team and your experience. As a team and as an individual player/cheerleader of Chaos, you will get out of this season what you put into it. There will be many obstacles and demands outside of your comfort zone, but if you work at it, we will overcome the obstacles as a team.

Players/Cheerleaders shall arrive to practices/games with equipment on and ready to participate at the requested time. Each player/cheerleader will display hustle, a positive attitude, and a desire to be their best at all times. Talking back, not listening, pouting, or negative comments are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Each player is expected to hustle on/off the field of play. Each player/cheerleader is expected to do their part to make the practice/game run smoothly, follow directions, and give their undivided attention. Always be "COACHABLE".

Players/Cheerleaders are encouraged to ask questions if an instruction or a directive from a coach needs to be clarified. Practices are designed to develop new skills and sharpen skills already acquired. The field, like a classroom, should be free from distractions.

THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO BULLYING OF ANY NATURE WITHIN THIS ORGANIZATION!



PRACTICES:

Team practices are not optional. If a player/cheerleader cannot attend a practice, the parent must contact the team mom or coach prior to the practice. The coaches typically discuss/plan each practice based on the assumption that all players/cheerleaders on the roster will be in attendance. When we are surprised by non-attendance it affects the practice plan and consequently the team. If a player/cheerleader's repeated absence or tardiness is not excused, playing time could be affected or the athlete could be dismissed from the team. We recognize that occasionally things happen and circumstances are uncontrollable, but PLEASE communicate!!

PRE-GAME WARM-UPS:

Each player shall arrive 45 mins before game time, unless directed otherwise by the coaching staff. We attempt to have a very similar routine for all sports. It is very important that athletes are there on time and ready to participate. When children are late it affects our routine, the coaching staff, and consequently the team.

Players/Cheerleaders are expected to wear the required uniform and have all required equipment in their possession. Restroom runs should be conducted PRIOR to game time.

GAMES:

Only cheers and positive comments are permitted and encouraged. Respect your teammates and your opponents.

Players/Cheerleaders shall not visit with family, friends, or spectators during the game, and no family, friends, or spectators shall distract the players during the game. I realize that this is a tough one for parents and siblings, but PLEASE do your best to adhere to this. Players/Cheerleaders are to be ready to play/perform at all times. Negative or disruptive behavior on the field or on the sidelines will not be tolerated.

Foul language by a coach, parent, or player/cheerleader will not be tolerated. The coaching staff will handle any dispute with the refs. The players/cheerleader and parents will not get involved. Equipment and helmets are not to be thrown, nor will a player/cheerleader be allowed to display negative body language during the game.

AFTER THE GAME:

The handshake with the other team should be done prior to taking off any equipment. Nothing but “good game” and “good luck” should be said. All players/cheerleaders will pick up their trash, whether it is theirs or not, prior to leaving the field. After the game, each player/cheerleader is expected to go to the area (designated by the coach) for a team meeting. There may be a time when a parent questions or disagrees with a coach’s decision during a game, however parents are to refrain from expressing any questions/comments to the coaching staff after games. A heated discussion with a coach following a game is not the appropriate time. We all want what’s best for our children, but we have to be good role models and be respectful of the other athletes and families as well. Please adhere to the 24-hour rule for any disagreement you may have after a game.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

As a youth-based, community/family friendly organization we must conduct ourselves in a manner which reflects the positive image of our team “on the field”, “off the field”, and on social media platforms. We recognize your interest in participating in online conversations via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, blogging, etc., we expect you and your child, as part of our organization’s body, to uphold the values of respect. We ask that you conduct yourself, whether in-person or on social media platforms, in a way that shares the optimistic beliefs and positive spirits of Collin County Chaos Youth Sports.

Within the community, Chaos seeks to encourage, inspire, and enrich the lives of others. YOU and YOUR CHILD are the face and heartbeat of our TEAM. Your actions and words should demonstrate what your role is within our community.

With the above being said, anything you post that can potentially tarnish Chaos image will not be tolerated, i.e. writing negative or disparaging posts about our organization or any of its members, posting inappropriate images, etc. Engaging in potentially harmful posts or sharing inappropriate images will ensure you or your child’s removal from our organization.

NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED IF A PARENT OR ATHLETE IS REMOVED FROM OUR ORGANIZATION DUE TO SAID DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

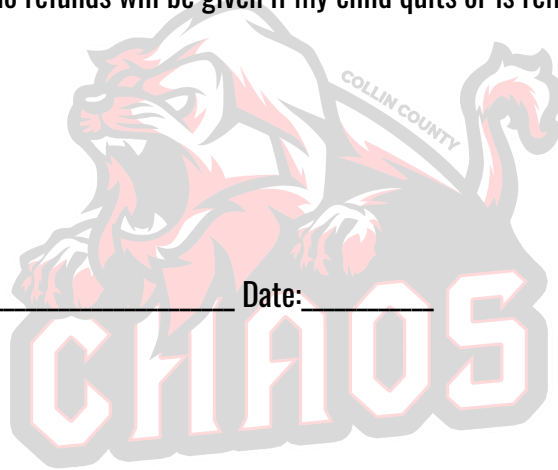
If you come across negative or disparaging posts about our organization or one of its members, please do not be tempted to react to such negativity. Instead, ignore it, respond with a positive or encouraging reply, or pass the post(s) along to your coach.

Through social media, we have an opportunity – and a responsibility – to effectively manage our organization’s reputation online and to selectively engage and participate in online conversations every day. **Be mindful that you are representing your team.** Be respectful of all individuals, races, religions and cultures; how you conduct yourself in the online social media space not only reflects upon you but also is a direct reflection of the Collin County Chaos Youth Sports Organization.

Best advice: When in doubt, do not post. The Internet is essentially a permanent record keeper. If anyone has any questions regarding our policies, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Player Handbook and Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

I have read all the information in the Collin County Chaos handbook and my child and I agree to abide by ALL rules/policies/guidelines. Parents/guardians who do not abide by these rules may also be restricted from the Collin County Chaos activities. My child and I are fully aware of the attendance policy. I fully understand what my role as a parent is and my child understands what his role as an athlete is. I also fully understand that no refunds will be given if my child quits or is removed from a team.



Parent Name (Printed): _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Athletes Name (Printed): _____ Date: _____

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